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CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Situation in the Congo as of 0800 EST, (margin 84
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1. The situation in the Congo continues to deteriorate. Belgian troops are maintaining order in Elisabethville and Luluabourg, but the troops in each location reportedly are barely adequate to control the situation. Belgian troops have also intervened in Stanleyville--the first indication that the mutiny has spread to Orientale Province. Serious rioting was reported in the port city of Matadi last night. The situation in Leopoldville is calm at the moment, but Congolese civilians reportedly are planning a general strike.

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2. Confusion reigns in the Congolese government, with ministers often acting at cross purposes. Last night Premier Lumumba denounced the dispatch of Belgian troops; he also took the time to send a friendly reply to the USSR's independence message. This morning he stated that the Congo-Belgian friendship treaty had been violated by Belgium's intervention and would have to be renegotiated. Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Bomboko has confirmed that he asked for Belgian aid. The government apparently is still able to induce order among Congolese troops through concessions and personal appearances of its ministers; the area under its direct control is thus limited by the mobility of the cabinet.

3. Katanga Province Premier Moise Tshombé has apparently postponed an attempt to proclaim an independent state. He has used the breakdown of central

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authority to assert a kind of de facto independence, however. Although the British consul in Elisabethville urged him to set up a separate state, the British and Rhodesian governments apparently are officially discouraging Katanga separatism. Brussels has also attempted to put a brake on the incipient fragmentation with a statement that it was up to the Congolese people--by implication, the people as a whole--to revise their constitution and permit Katanga secession.

4. Belgian troops in the Congo or on the way total about 5,200. Brussels announced this morning that four more companies, with a total strength of 480 men, would be flown down today. Belgian military aircraft in the country include two DC-4's, two DC-6's, nine C-119's, eight C-47's, and fourteen T-6's. The latter are armed with 30-caliber machine guns and five-inch rockets.

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